

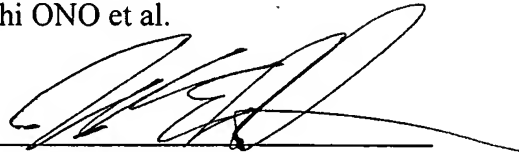
REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct the multiple dependency of the claims.

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